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Abstract

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10 The invention concerns an absorbent article (10) which comprises: a front region (12); a rear region (14); a centre part (16) disposed between the front and rear regions; an upper, fluid-permeable layer (18) which faces the body when the absorbent article (10) is in use; a lower layer (20) which is impervious to fluid and is remote from the body when the absorbent article (10) is in use; a fluid-distribution layer (22) which is disposed between the fluid-permeable layer (18) and the layer (20) which is impervious to fluid, the fluid-distribution layer (22) extending from the front region (12) to the rear region (14) of the absorbent article (10); and a fluid-storage layer (24) disposed between the layer (20) which is impervious to fluid and the fluid-distribution layer (22). The absorbent article (10) comprises means for transferring a fluid from the fluid-distribution layer (22) at least into the part of the fluid-storage layer (24) located in the front region (12) and/or rear region (14) of the absorbent article (10).

25 The invention further concerns a method for the directed drainage of fluids emerging in a localized manner.